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SUBJECT:FRG EMBASSY DCM CALLS ON IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
DESIGNATE MAYNES

1. FRG EMBASSY DCM NIELS HANSEN, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY
MINISTER COUNSELOR RUYTER, PAID COURTESY CALL ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY DESIGNATE MAYNES, FEB. 22. HANSEN'S VISIT
PRIMARILY MEANT TO PREPARE FOR UPCOMING FEB. 25 MEETING
BETWEEN MAYNES AND FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY IO DIRECTOR
REDIES. MAYNES AND HANSEN DISCUSSED RESPECTIVE GOVERN-
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MENT AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES TO UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS.

2. DURING DISCUSSION OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTIVITY,
HANSEN RAISED ISSUE OF NAMIBIA WHICH, WITH 25 THOUSAND
ETHNIC GERMANS, SOME TEN THOUSAND OF WHICH HAVE FRG PASS-
PORTS, COULD DEVELOP INTO PROBLEM FOR FRG. HANSEN ASKED

FOR US UNDERSTANDING SHOULD PROBLEM ARISE.

3. MAYNES ASKED ABOUT FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD TURNHALLE MEETINGS AND PROPOSALS THAT MIGHT DEVELOP IN EARLY SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING - E.G. SWEDISH PROPOSAL PROHIBITING FUTURE INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND/OR MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO UNDER CHAPTER VII. HANSEN REPLIED THAT FRG THOUGHT

TURNHALLE USEFUL BUT NOT LIKELY TO RESULT IN ANY GREAT PROGRESS. HE STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD SWEDISH PROPOSAL. RE FRG ATTITUDE TOWARD ARMS EMBARGO, HANSEN CITED CURRENT FRG POLICY WHICH EXCLUDES EXPORT OF ARMS TO AREAS OF TENSION. HE COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD MAKE SURE THAT REDIES WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ISSUE IN DETAIL ON FEB. 25. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT REDIES WILL PROBABLY DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH ASST. SEC. SCHAUFLE ON FEB. 25 ALSO.)

4. MAYNES REFERRED TO THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) STATING THAT THE US VIEWED THE CONFERENCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH THAT THE HRC SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL AND NOT TURN INTO A FORUM PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO LAUNCH POLITICAL ATTACKS AGAINST TARGET COUNTRIES. HANSEN EXPRESSED CONTINUING FRG CONCERN WITH ALL ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM, CITING BERLIN WALL AS CONSTANT REMINDER TO FRG ON THIS QUESTION. HE CONFIRMED THAT FRG WOULD PARTICIPATE IN HRC DEBATE ON SOVIET DISSIDENT ISSUE ALTHOUGH PROBABLY NOT AS VIGOROUSLY AS US. HE SAID FRG AGREED WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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US THAT COMMISSION APPEARED TO BE PROPER FORUM IN WHICH TO ADDRESS EASTERN EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. HANSEN NOTED THAT FRG POSITION AT HRC SESSION WOULD REFLECT COORDINATED EC-9 POSITION, BUT STATED THAT FRG MIGHT GO BEYOND EC-9 POSITION IF REQUIRED.
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